

**Crunching The Numbers**

- 101 Students left without housing.
- 97 Students on the priority list
- 29 Open RA spaces
- 6 Years out of the last seven that housing has overflowed

# Housing Is Tight

By **ELLEN FERRANTE**  
Staff Writer

On March 30, students gathered in Great Hall in anticipation of where they would live next year—which residence hall would they live in? Would they get their preferred roommate? Some students with choice lottery numbers left knowing their new housing, location and who they were going to live with, yet others did not have such luck. One hundred one students were left without housing assignments and were placed on the priority list to guarantee housing for next fall.

"When I found out Residence Life ran out of housing, at least doubles, I was really shocked and upset," said freshmen Melissa Tully of her housing experience.

Tully and other students would have to embark on the process of being on the priority list. The priority list guarantees housing for returning students who did not receive a housing assignment during registration, but who completed a Housing and Dining Services contract.

The situation however, is not so simple. "There's always a population that says 'This is so unfair to us,'" said Christine Porter, director

of Residence Life. Porter explained that the overflow of students who need housing has happened six out of the past seven years.

"This is not new," Porter said. "We know what works and what doesn't work."

Students chose housing based on a lottery system that was put into action at the March 30 housing selection for rising sophomores and current freshmen. Students were called by lottery number with their desired roommates to choose their desired residence hall.

Freshman Marie Randolph, who had a high

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**They Only Come Out At Night**  
Trucks loaded with beer silos have caused the recent closings of State Route 3. The trucks are bringing Coors Light vats from King George County to Elkton.

# Mental Crises On The Rise

By **BETH KRIETSCH**  
Staff Writer

Schools across the nation have been dealing with increasing numbers of students with severe psychological problems recently, and the University of Mary Washington is no different.

According to the 2005 national survey of counseling center directors, 90.3 percent of directors believe that the number of clients with severe psychological problems has grown in recent years. Ninety-six percent of these directors believe the increase in the number of students with severe psychological problems is a concern in their centers.

Barbara Wagar, director of UMW's psychological services center said that there has been a gradual increase in the number of students coming into the psychological services center over the year, and noted that in particular, there has been a very large surge in student requests for crisis appointments this year.

"This could be a result of students recognizing their problems early and wanting to come in for help, or it could be that students are waiting too long to come in, and then needing to request a crisis appointment," Wagar said.

She cited a number of possible reasons students come in for crisis appointments, including family issues, problems with friends, traumatic events, sexual assaults, self-harm, deaths, and relationship problems.

The increase in students needing crisis appointments is not just occurring at Mary Washington. According to Inside Higher Ed, a news

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# Alums Donate Millions

By **KAITLYN BARKER**  
Staff Writer

Last week, on April 2, the University of Mary Washington announced at a campus gathering attended by major donors to the institution, that two alumni gave large donations, in honor of President William Anderson.

These two large gifts totaled to the amount of \$6 million.

Alumna Arabelle Laws Arrington, a member of the Class of 1941, donated \$5



Arrington

million and Sara Page Cosby Mayo, a member of the class of 1964, and her husband, Richard Cosby, donated \$1 million.

"These generous gestures by two of our alumni will ensure that Mary Washington's legacy of excellence continues for many years," Anderson said in a University press release.

Ronald Singleton, senior vice president for University relations stated in the University's press release that, "This is the largest single gift ever received by the university."

The next closest donation given to the university was the \$2 million given last year from John Chappell for the construction of the bell tower and for the "Great Lives" lecture series.

Arrington has many reasons as to why she decided to donate her money to the

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# Cheap Seats To Make Return to Dodd In Fall

By **KATY BURNELL**  
Assistant News Editor

One-dollar movies return to Dodd Auditorium this fall, ending Cheap Seats semester-long move to academic buildings.

Cheap Seats left Dodd this semester for the first time in 18 years after a complicated scheduling process made booking the auditorium impracticable.

Susan Knick, the University's senior director of events and conferences management cited conflicts with academic department use and holiday calendars to explain this spring's scheduling difficulties.

"There seems to have been a great deal of misunderstanding regarding Cheap Seat's use of Dodd this Spring Semester," Knick said. "Rather than try to hold some showings in Dodd

with the very limited number of dates that were available it was decided by Cheap Seats to hold all this semester's films elsewhere."

Senior Co-chair Paloma Bolasny said she decided not to use Dodd at all because it wouldn't have been practical and could have been confusing.

"It wouldn't have been worth it to have two showings in Dodd for one

semester," Bolasny said. "We used to show movies in Dodd every weekend and students got used to that. We had regulars."

Bolasny bought a sandwich board to place out front of Lee Hall to help movie-goers keep track of the weekend's venues, which currently leap frog back and forth between Combs 139 and Monroe 104.

Keeping track of shifting film

showings is only one of the issues that Cheap Seats patrons and club members have faced since movies moved out of Dodd.

Cheap Seats' junior co-chair Julie Castanien said the main problem she has experienced is limited seating capacity.

"We never had to turn anyone away

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## 5 Day Forecast



**TODAY**  
Partly Cloudy

High: 84  
Low: 56



**FRIDAY**  
T-Storms

High: 82  
Low: 60



**SATURDAY**  
T-Storms

High: 84  
Low: 56



**SUNDAY**  
T-Storms

High: 74  
Low: 51



**MONDAY**  
Showers

High: 65  
Low: 42

## Verbatim ...

"We need to be able to handle pressure"

—Adam Castellani, page 12



## Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT  
News Editor



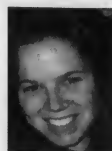
**April 5**—At 4:22 p.m., a police officer was issuing a ticket to a vehicle illegally parked in the fire lane behind Lee Hall when the owner of the vehicle walked up. According to police, the female talked to the officer then attempted to get into her vehicle and drive away before the officer issued her the ticket. The officer stood in front of the vehicle in an attempt to block the vehicle's exit. However, the driver did not stop. Police said the officer jogged along side of the vehicle and slipped the ticket under the windshield wiper. The officer then saw the vehicle stop at the intersection of Sunken Road. According to police, the officer investigated and found the previously issued ticket on the ground, torn to pieces. The officer then went to the magistrate's office and obtained two warrants: one for obstruction of a police officer and another for littering.

**April 8**—At 3:32 p.m., a 19-year-old

female resident of Jefferson Hall hit the vehicle of a 20-year-old female resident of Westmoreland Hall. According to police, the Jefferson Hall resident was driving down Marshall Hill when the brakes on her car failed. Police said damages estimated below \$1,000.

**April 10**—At 3:56 p.m., police received a phone call from a female in Maryland concerned for her friend, who is a University of Mary Washington student. According to police, the female was going to Instant Message her friend and saw that he had an away message saying that he was going to kill himself. Police located the male student and found him alive. According to police, the student said his away message was a joke.

**April 11**—At 9:30 a.m., police received a report that someone stole an Epson projector, valued at \$3,000, from a classroom in Jepson Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.



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KATIE TELLER

## Tait Teller

Ask  
The  
Newsies

**I** saw on the UMW Web site that *The Bulletin* won some kind of award? What's the deal with that?\*

Hey, thanks for noticing!  
We sure did win an award.

Earlier this month, *The Bulletin* was honored by the Society of Professional Journalists as the No. 1 non-daily student newspaper in a region consisting of Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Delaware and Washington, D.C. We're the best in five states!

The coolest part of this is that we've won this award three years in a row.

Before we break out into a chorus of "Can't Nobody Hold Us Down," Tait & Teller feel behooved to say thanks.

To you. Our readers.

Because we wouldn't be publishing without you.

Whether you hate us or love us, you're

reading, and that's what really matters.

At the risk of sounding like a cheesy Bud Light commercial (OK, we actually really like the Real Men of Genius ads a whole lot but don't tell):

Today we salute you, *Bullet* reader. Every Thursday afternoon you rush from all ends of Fredericksburg to the campus center to pick up your copy of the paper. Not only do you read every single inch, but you also recycle it as well (high pitched chorus: savin' the earth, yeah).

OK, you get the picture.

In all seriousness, our readers are what make us great.

Bottom line: if you keep reading (and writing in) we'll keep writing.

And bringin' home the bacon.

*Katie Teller and Stephanie Tait are The Bulletin's news editors.*

\*We really didn't make this one up. Honestly.

## Stringin' It:

At Saturday's annual Multicultural Fair, bands, vendors, entertainers and hundreds of students and community members came out despite the dreary weather to immerse themselves. Pictured left, junior Joe Petrusiak plays the didgeridoo and performer Dominic Gaudios plays the guitar inside Great Hall. Visitors to the Multicultural Fair got a chance to experience the cultures and customs of other ethnic groups. The fair is an annual event that draws a large crowd.



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# University Gets Big Donations

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University, one of them being because of the respect she has for President Anderson.

"Dr. Anderson has contributed enormously to Mary Washington over the years, so I found it fitting to present this gift to the institution to honor my dear friend," she said.

Arrington always had the desire to give back to Mary Washington.

Arrington said that she has always had an interest for the institution ever since she graduated in 1941.

She's always wanted to do something nice for the school.

"Dr. Anderson has known Mrs. Arrington for decades and this gift is a true sign of both their friendship and their joint commitment to the future of Mary Washington," said Jeff Rountree, vice president for University development.

Like Arrington, Mayo also made it clear that she was very impressed with Anderson's service to the University.

Mayo's gift to the University is going to be used for the University's first fully funded academic chair, the "William M. Anderson, Jr. Distinguished Chair in Biological Sciences." This will be awarded to one of the leading faculty members in the department of biological sciences.

Rountree believes that this chair will help generate a salary supplement critical to attracting and keeping the best faculty.

It has not been decided as to what exactly

Arrington's donation will be used for.

The University's press release stated that Arrington's donation will be applied to a broad range of uses for faculty and students.

However, one thing that has been decided is the decision to use part of the funds for the University's Summer Science Institute.

According to the press release this will provide science majors with the opportunity to participate in a summer-long intensive study with the faculty members.

"Mrs. Arrington, like all donors, will make her own decision on where the remainder of the funds should go based upon her passions and interests," Rountree said. "I am just as interested as the students are to see what areas she decides support."

Junior Annie Wisloski thinks these donations will definitely benefit the students academically.

"No matter where the funds end up going, I know that Arrington will decide to use it in a way which benefits the students as well as the faculty," Wisloski said.

Both Arrington and Mayo have served the University.

Arrington is a former member of the University's Board of Visitors and Alumni Association Board of Directors, as well as the past president of the Board of Directors.

Mayo was a member of the Jepson Alumni Executive Center and her husband is a current member of the UMW Foundation board and the investment committee; and has recently served as one of the school's executives-in-residence.

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—Jeff Rountree

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## Editorial

### Finding Solace In Sudoku

No one can argue that a lot of crazy things are happening in the world today. Political scandals, terrorist plots, freak tornadoes, death and disease keep our minds in constant turmoil.

But there is one thing that provides solace to our daily routine: the Sudoku challenge in the Style section of The Washington Post.

It's the crossword puzzle of Generation Y; a mix of ancient Asian logic and Will Shortz brilliance.

Who can pass up the chance to waste some time between classes by poring over the black and white numbers that stare you in the face?

Failing a paper in history class can really spawn some feelings of hate.

That rage can be channeled into satisfaction when you successfully fill in all 81 squares.

But Sudoku can conjure up some powerful emotions on its own. Like when you're just about to complete the puzzle, and you notice that the upper right hand box has two number three's. Game over.

Yet, the positive rewards of Sudoku go beyond the enjoyment of just beating Shortz's puzzle.

Studies have shown that keeping your mind active with activities like this number game can help prevent Alzheimer's disease. With something so free, so fun, and so easy to do, why not try it?

Life is uncertain, but there is no guessing in Sudoku. There is always an answer and a logical path to get there—you just have to find it.

It only takes one round to get you addicted, so here, take the challenge, we dare you.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

## "¡Sí Se Puede! (Yes, We Can)"

By EMILY SALA  
Guest Columnist

Activism and participation in a movement have a profound impact. Just ask any of the dozens of Mary Washington students, alumni, faculty members and staff who attended Monday's National Day of Action for Immigrant Justice. Ask any of the millions of people who have attended rallies for immigrant rights in recent weeks.

Many in the group from Mary Washington who attended the march have recent immigrants in their family or are immigrants themselves.

This movement holds special meaning for those of us, including myself, who have parents, grandparents and loved ones who were not born in the United States. At heart, however, this is a human rights issue with which one can empathize, no matter what one's background might be.

On Monday, we went to the rally already motivated, energized and hopeful. We left the rally inspired, empowered, and more motivated than ever.

Many of us rode buses up I-95 with members of the Fredericksburg immigrant community in order to support the goals of the nationwide marches of the past few weeks.

These protests, calling for comprehensive immigration reform, a stop to the provisions of HR4437, and respect and dignity for all immigrants, in total have numbered several million in attendance.

The reported numbers for Monday's protests vary widely, but the crowd in Washington appears to have been well over 100,000 and likely somewhere closer to 200,000.

Chants of "¡Sí se puede!" (yes, we can) and other rallying cries echoed throughout the National Mall, and speakers came from all backgrounds and faiths.

Political leaders such as Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and various members of Congress spoke, vowing their commitment to the rights of immigrants as well as their powerful opposition to the criminalization of undocumented immigrants.

Organizers such as Jaime Contreras, chair of the National Capitol Immigration Coalition (NCIC) and Doris DePaz of CASA de Maryland, Inc., an immigrant advocacy group based in Maryland, rallied the crowd with passionate

chants, personal stories of immigrant struggles, and an inspiring, forceful insistence of demands for legalization and justice for all immigrants.

Immigrant advocacy organizations joined with labor union organizers to demonstrate the indispensable role immigration plays in the United States labor force.

Recalling our country's immigrant past as well as labeling the exploitation and demonization of undocumented immigrants as a sin, many religious leaders spoke at the march.

Most called for acceptance, fair treatment, legalization, equality and rights for all immigrants, including the 12 million undocumented immigrants already living, working, and contributing positively to the society and economy in the U.S.

Organizers called on demonstrators to use their voices through their votes in upcoming elections, and movement organizers across the country are planning voter registration drives to facilitate this empowerment. Speakers emphasized, "Hoy marchamos, mañana votamos" (Today we march, tomorrow we vote).

Protesters wore white to symbolize peace, and many came with signs that spoke the powerful messages in their hearts.

While many organizers urged demonstrators to bring only U.S. flags to the march in order to avoid criticism from those outside the movement, and U.S. flags were the most numerous flags represented by far, many immigrants also brought along flags from their countries of origin. This represents the powerful idea that people can pledge loyalty to the U.S. while at the same time expressing pride for their heritage and culture.

Demonstrators at Washington's march included students like us, advocacy organizations, workers from all across the region, families, parents, small children and grandparents.



Photo courtesy Jamie Miranda

More than 100,000 people protested for immigrant rights in Washington. A group of UMW students attended the protest.

To witness the unity of so many people rallying for the common cause of dignity and respect for immigrants strongly impacted all of us.

While Congress is taking a two-week vacation, the movement for immigrant rights is gaining momentum. May 1, known as International Workers' Day, will mark another key day of protests for immigrant rights.

Gustavo Torres, Executive Director at CASA de Maryland, Inc. called to demonstrators leaving the march: "This is just the beginning!"

Tuesday night, my roommate asked me, "So, are you still recovering [from the march]?" "Yeah," I said. "I'll be recovering for the rest of my life."

Emily Sala is a junior.

## Don't Tell Me What Love Is

Dear Editor:

Daniel CEO's relationship advice article ("Seize the day, UMW," April 6, 2006) brought to light the supposed drawbacks of long-distance relationships.

While the author cites many good points, such as the pitfall of staying in such a relationship for the wrong reasons, his article infuriated more than enlightened me.

I have been in a long-distance relationship for over a year, and CEO's sharp criticisms of such relationships angered me.

Who is he to tell me whether or not I am in love? Two columns of writing are not going to change my feelings for my boyfriend, nor my feelings about our relationship.

Besides, CEO states that those of us in

long-distance relationships are missing out on hundreds of experiences. Yes, we are missing out on experiences, but we are learning other important lessons, such as how to love, how to compromise, and how to work through problems.

It is difficult, but the rewards far outweigh the sacrifices. I have learned life and love lessons that will benefit me for years to come, one of which is that wonderful things always take work.

If you want to fool around with a bunch of people while you're in college, while you're still "young and attractive," by all means, go right ahead, but that does not mean that everyone should choose the same route.

CEO implies that those of us in long-distance relationships know less about love

because of our lack of experience in shorter flings. How is a one-night stand going to teach me anything about matters of the heart?

Any relationship requires effort, long-distance or otherwise. Each individual just has to consider exactly how much effort he or she is willing to contribute. I choose to put in as much effort as I am capable of, because I owe it to my boyfriend, to our relationship, and most of all, to myself.

Despite the article's advice to not think with my heart, I do, and the rest of me is happy with that decision.

My advice to Daniel CEO is to find out what love is, before telling others what it is not.

Jessica Leiman is a freshman.

## Even In 2006, Slavery Exists

By AVI EFREOM AND JOE KATZ  
Guest Columnists

Today marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. A celebration of freedom and liberation, Passover reminds Jews that "we were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt and the Lord freed us from Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm" (Deuteronomy 6:20).

As part of the Jewish Student Association's

Passover celebration, we feel obligated to encourage students to become involved in the campaign to end slavery worldwide.

Sudanese dictator Omar al-Bashir is the most notorious slave master in the world. Based in Northern Sudan, his regime is actively promoting the creation of a slave society as part of its genocidal war against the Dinka, Nuer, and Nuban peoples of Southern Sudan.

In 22 years of genocide, war, famine, disease,

and slavery, two million South Sudanese have been killed and over five million have been made refugees. This conflict has both racial and religious roots; the Sudanese government sees the non-Arab, non-Muslim Southerners as a threat to national unity.

As part of his campaign against South Sudan, the Bashir regime has taken more than 200,000 women and children as slaves, to work as domestics, animal herders, and concubines.

Some have even been exported to Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and the Gulf States.

Arab militias and an elite pro-government force known as the People's Defense Forces kill, rape, and loot as they go through southern villages, supported by bombers and helicopters from the Sudanese air force. The men, the sick, and the elderly are killed, while the women and children are taken prisoner and marched north.

Despite the desert conditions, the prisoners are provided little food and water, are repeatedly beaten, and the women and girls are raped by the militiamen. If they survive this ordeal, they

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# Features

## Blue Bus Mystery...

By ADELE CHAPIN  
Staff Writer

There's an old bus parked on Powhatan Street, right off College Avenue.

It's halfway down the street, almost in the McDonald's parking lot. Shaded by a little grove of bamboo shoots, the old bus hulks over the cars parked nearby.

It's a short bus, painted with aqua blue house paint on the sides and white paint on the top. The words "playva.com" and "Whitewater Express" are scribbled in paint on the back of the bus.

One side reads "River Adventures" in handwritten letters, complete with a phone number.

It has giant muddy tires, proof of some alternate existence away from the parking space it currently occupies. There's pollen on the windshield and duct tape wrapped around the right side mirror.

In the three years junior John Ha has gone to the University of Mary Washington, he's noticed something odd about the bus.

"I've never seen it move," he said.

It is a fixture of Powhatan Street, a mysterious fixture.

Can it run? Is it there for decoration, a giant

lawn ornament, so to speak? Why is it there? Where did it come from? Was it hand-painted by a renegade school bus driver? What would happen if you called that number?

Cory Hall, a junior at UMW, always sees the bus when she walks down College Avenue, and she has an idea of its purpose.

"I always thought it was like a shuttle of some kind, you call the number and it takes you to the river," Hall said.

Turns out she's right. An example of Occam's Razor in action: the simplest explanation is generally the correct one.

The bus's owner is Bill Micks, who grew up in that house on the corner and has lived there all his life.

The bus and Micks go way back.

Micks owns the Virginia Outdoor Center, and since he bought the bus in 1985, he's used it thousands of times to transport people up and down the Rappahannock River on tubing, canoeing and kayaking trips.

And although Micks replaced it with a newer, larger bus, the Whitewater Express III is still his baby. And it still runs, he



indefinitely.  
"I had  
so many

incredible

experiences in that bus that I didn't want to sell it, I didn't want to get rid of it, I always wanted to keep it," Micks said.

The Whitewater Express III has a slightly spooky history. Micks bought the 1970 Ford bus from a church for \$500, which had in turn acquired it from a prison.

"The floorboard of bus has iron rings where they used to chain the prisoner's legs down," Micks said.

Since he's owned it, the old prison bus has been up and down the Rappahannock, zipping in and out of dirt roads, creeping up steep hills and other places where buses don't usually go.

When Micks took groups in the bus to a place on the river called Hole in the Wall, he would play a little joke on the kayakers, boaters and tubers.

The dirt road to Hole in the Wall is as wild as the river.

"It's just a crazy and wild four-wheeler type of road," he said.

As Micks sped along the twists and turns, he'd push a little button on the dashboard, which played the theme song to Deliverance over the stereo.

As "Dueling Banjos" blared, Micks would scare the passengers a little more.

"The road is slanted and on a hill. I'd tell

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said.

"It's my all time favorite vehicle," Micks said.

"It's just a good old warm fuzzy bus. It holds lots of good memories. It's tough, durable,

dependable, and it's always started."

Which explains why it is currently parked in front of his house on Powhatan Avenue, perhaps

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## College Mascot Mania

By DYLAN TUCCILLO  
Staff Writer

College mascots come in many shapes, sizes and genders. There's the Blizzard T. Husky of Michigan Technical University, Brutus Buckeye of Ohio State, Goldy the Gopher of University of Minnesota. Or there's Ozzie the osprey of the University of Northern Florida and Petey, the Stormy Petrel of Ogleshorpe University.

Among these nationwide collegiate mascots, the University of Mary Washington's Eagle could be called a boring old bird.

"Our mascot is not a presence at all," said Clint Often, UMW sports information director. "Someone dresses up in it maybe two or three times the entire year."

The UMW Eagle lacks any outstanding features, characterized by a tattered beak and sagging tail.

"It was hard to get the fans at the girls' b-ball game all riled up because they were all about 80 years old," said sophomore Justin Baker, one student behind the UMW mascot and a UMW men's basketball player.

One of the earliest collegiate mascots was Handsome Dan the Bulldog at Yale University in 1889. The Bulldog has since been played by a total of 16 live bulldogs.

Dartmouth's unofficial mascot, Keggy the Keg, is a six-foot tall pseudo-beer container, equipped with googly eyes and tap.

According to *The Dartmouth*, "Many consider such a blatant reference to alcohol consumption at Dartmouth to be lewd and inappropriate for college-sponsored events."

The costume itself was kidnapped in 2003. Yet the man inside the suit, senior Andrew Argessi, gave defense: "It's not racist, it's not political, it's not sexist."

Many schools hold competitive tryouts for students willing to get behind the costume. The University of Texas holds tryouts regularly, with a three-part audition consisting of an oral interview, four to five situational improvisational scenarios and a short 20 to 30 second improvisational dance, according to their Web site.

Louisiana Tech also holds tryouts, and allows candidates to wear the costume prior to auditions for practice.

In addition, schools can put their mascots through training provided by organizations like Street Character, Inc. or send for mascot training videos.

Just an hour north of Fredericksburg, George Mason University



Daniel Cee/Bullet

The UMW mascot, above, is the focus of many home basketball games. Other collegiate mascots around the country, such as Dartmouth's Keggy the Keg and George Mason University's Gunston, help pump up the crowd.

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*This girl on the girls' [basketball] team actually got really mad at me because I missed her game. But what she later found out was I was there, I was just the mascot.*

--Justin Baker

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saw their Patriots advance to the NCAA Final Four men's basketball tournament during March Madness.

Their nationally televised mascot, the Gunston, resembles a green Elmo on too many steroids. The furry creature was designed to draw-in the toddler crowd, says *The Mason Spirit*. The man in the suit, alumnus Mike Ickowitz, has had heat exhaustion twice while performing, but that didn't keep him from cheering on the Patriots.

GMU and the Gunston defeated the WuShock, Wichita State University's husk of wheat, in one of the final games of the NCAA tournament.

Baker adorned UMW's feathery costume at a recent women's NCAA basketball game.

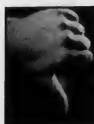
"It's really hot in the costume. The funniest thing is the fact that people have no idea who it is," Baker said. "This girl on the girls' team actually got really mad at me because I missed her game. But what she later found out was I was there, I was just the mascot."

Baker and other faces behind their school mascots undertake the task of energizing bleachers full of fans, all while being smothered under non-breathable synthetics.

## Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



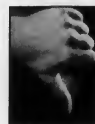
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## UMW Group Wins Regional Award

By AMY MALONEY  
Staff Writer

One of the lesser-known and smaller organizations on campus, the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH), recently won the NRHH Chapter of the Year award for their region, which includes 56 schools from Virginia to Mississippi, according to UMW's NRHH president Paul Kozar.

Kozar, two other NRHH members who haven't been picked yet, and Holly Henley, the NRHH adviser and resident director of the UMW apartments, will all be attending a conference from June 1 to June 4 at UCLA Berkeley to bid for the national award. The bid team for the national conference has not been put together yet, said Ashley Leeman, NRHH member.

Kozar had to pay out of pocket for the regional conference fee, lodging and food for NRHH members Emily Schot and Leeman (about \$250), while Schot and Leeman paid out of pocket for transportation to Georgia. However, they should soon be reimbursed by Residence Life, Kozar said.

The University of Mary Washington's chapter, which is called the Monroe Chapter, was founded in 1999 and has only about 28 active members. This is in accordance with national policy, which demands that only the top 1 percent of residential students be accepted, Leeman said.

Leeman and roommate and fellow NRHH member Schot presented the Monroe Chapter's 35-page bid for the award at the University of West Georgia at the regional conference in mid-March, Schot said.

"We received an engraved plaque. It's more of a recognition award," Leeman said. "One thing we both noticed at the conference when University of Mary Washington was called [as the winner of the award] is that not a lot of people know Mary Washington, so it was nice as a recognition for a smaller school instead of a major university."

Every college or university may have one NRHH chapter on its campus. Its members must be nominated by current members, and must live in residence halls. Because it is an organization to recognize the top 1 percent of resident students, most members are also

student leaders who have been involved on campus as RA's or members of ARH, Kozar said.

"We [NRHH] are focused on community service, and we also bring residence hall concerns to the professional staff," Kozar said. "We [NRHH] volunteered on Make A Difference Day, the Multicultural Fair; we're volunteering for the Walk-a-Thon for the orphanage, and we have at the Thurman Brisben center, among other things."

However, NRHH is not associated with Residence Life, nor does it receive any funding from campus.

"All we have is from fundraising or induction fees," Kozar said. "More or less like a fraternity, we have to do a lot with very little resources."

Kozar said the Monroe Chapter earned this year's award.

"I think we deserved the award because we are so small but we did a lot for the school and the community," Kozar said. "In the past we didn't do a lot, so in comparison we did a lot this year."

Schot and Leeman presented the Lion King themed bid for the award, which played off of the region's lion symbol.

"The symbol associated with the region is a lion, and we played off that," Leeman said. "We used a king of the pride theme, each section had a title, quote, song lyric or image relating to that theme. There's a fine line between keeping it interesting and keeping it professional, and they [the region judges] will hammer you if you mess it up."

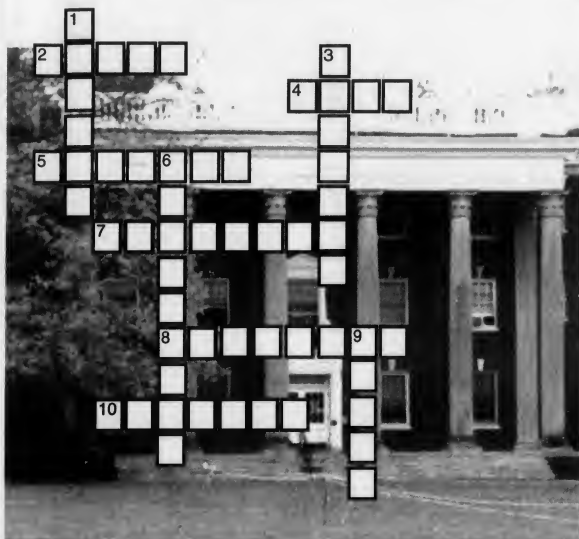
NRHH will continue to exist as an independent organization on campus.

"Our chapter isn't associated with Residence Life like many others are; we want to establish NRHH as an entity and show them that we're trying to do something with the school," Schot said. "These conferences play a big role in that."

The NRHH is an entirely student run organization, even on the national level. All of the voting is also done by students who have positions at the regional levels.

"I thought we had a chance [at the regional awards] but other schools are so big and with more resources. We don't get any school funding," Kozar said.

## Campus Crossword



### ACROSS

- 2 This dorm's dumpster smells like Axe.  
4 Look outside this dorm's window to see graduation take place.  
5 Get a tune up here.  
7 Is not for lovers first semester.  
8 Get ready for bathing suit season here.  
10 Flex here.

### DOWN

- 1 Fifth president of the U.S.  
3 One of UMW's three white houses on College Avenue.  
6 Not so new anymore.  
9 Study artifacts in the basement of this building.

The Features Editors made this puzzle as a refreshing accompaniment to your lunch at the Nest. Slumped on any answers? Peep next week's *Bullet*.

## Retired Bus Rests Near UMW

### ◀ BUS, page 4

everybody sitting on the right side of the bus to move to the other side," Micks said.

"I know the bus is not going to turn over, but they don't know that."

When the bus wasn't ferrying people around Fredericksburg, it was welcomed into the Micks family. In December, they'd put Christmas lights on it. On the Fourth of July, they'd sit on top of the bus and watch the fireworks. And sometimes, for an iconic Fredericksburg experience, they'd drive friends to Carl's Ice Cream in the bus.

"Our daughter loves it," Denise Micks said. "She lives in Raleigh now, we have to send her pictures of it."

Denise has never driven the bus herself.

"You have to have a commercial driver's license to drive it. It doesn't have power steering. The steering wheel is hard to turn. You really have to muscle it," she said.

But even though she hasn't driven the bus, Denise has an equal share at the Virginia Outdoor Center. Bill and Denise started their business in 1972, while both worked as schoolteachers in the area.

Now that they've retired from teaching, they focus all their time on the business, planning trips on the Rappahannock, where school groups, church groups, scout groups, college students and families can observe wildlife and learn about river safety. Micks also leads programs on the

river for the Friends of the Rappahannock advocacy group.

The City of Fredericksburg has set aside 4,800 acres of riverside land for wildlife and recreational use, and Micks is passionate about helping people discover nature in their own backyard. He thinks the Rappahannock is unlike any other river in Virginia.

"It's sense of remoteness of it. It's undeveloped. It's where you can go and have a sense of being nowhere even though you're right in the city," he said.

In all the trips to the river the Micks have organized, Bill noticed one thing.

"It was always interesting; there's be a van, a van, another van, and then the bus. We always filled the bus up first. People just like riding in it. It's got its own character."

When the Whitewater Express III was in its prime, Micks would load it up with 15 canoes on a trailer and pile more canoes on the wooden platform on the bus's roof.

Today, antique tags signal that the bus has officially reached retirement age.

"At 36 years old, it's older than most of the kids at the college," he said.

And Micks says his neighbors don't mind the bus on the corner.

"I've never had a complaint about it, everyone loves the bus," Micks said. "Of course it needs some attention and love, and maybe a new coat of paint."

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# Entertainment

Thank You

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## Smoking Up The Big Screen

By ELIZABETH PHELPS  
Staff Writer

As the credits began to roll for "Thank You for Smoking," my roommate turned to look at me and said, "If he asked me to start smoking, I would."

A few of the movie-goers around us laughed quietly as I agreed wholeheartedly.

The "he" in question is Nick Naylor, the charmingly smarmy chief lobbyist for Big Tobacco and central character in the Jason Reitman's "Thank You For Smoking." Played perfectly by Aaron Eckhart, Naylor's job is to promote cigarettes and attempt to deflect as much criticism as possible from his industry.

In the opening scene, Naylor appears on "Joan," an Oprah-style talk show hosted by Joan

Lunden, with several concerned parents, a senatorial aide, and "cancer boy," a 15-year-old suffering from lung cancer. In a true demonstration of Naylor's spin ability, by the end of the show the audience is cheering for him and he is shaking hands with "cancer boy."

The movie is full of scenes like this, creating a series of vignettes that combine to demonstrate the power of argument and persuasion in the highly character-driven piece.

Almost every character in the movie is, in some way, just as big of a liar as Naylor.

There's Heather Holloway (Katie Holmes), the young reporter assigned to write a profile about Naylor who gets more information by sleeping with him.

There's Rob Lowe's ridiculously self-important Jeff Megall, a Hollywood manager who begins negotiations with Naylor for a Brad Pitt-Catherine Zeta-Jones film in space that prominently features them smoking Sector Sixes, a kind of cigarette that would be a product tie-in for Big Tobacco.

Fans of "The O.C." will love Adam Brody's turn as Megall's assistant, Jack Bein, a hipster with an ADHD-adjacent devotion to his boss. In one memorable moment, he tells one of his coworkers that he was going to impale the coworker's mother on a rusty metal spike and feed her body to his dog with syphilis—but don't worry, it was an inside joke.

As a Birkenstocked senator from

The viewer gets to see a softer side of Naylor in his interactions with his son Joey, played by Cameron Bright. Though never wavering on his assertion that if you argue well enough, you're never wrong, Naylor's attempts at being a good father are apparent. He takes Joey on business trips, helps him with his homework, and even comes to career day at his school. He even tells the children not to act like sheep and to decide for themselves if they want to try cigarettes.

The movie is packed with witty dialogue, both in Eckhart's narration and between the characters, which makes it totally engaging from start to finish.

Though there is a common element of lying throughout "Thank You for Smoking," the characters, especially those who profit from their moral flexibility, are wickedly honest in scenes where they do not have to spin to anyone.

"We don't sell tic-tacs," Naylor's boss BR (J.K. Simmons) yells while coming up with ideas to sell more tobacco, "We sell cigarettes. And they're cool and available and addictive. The job is almost done for us."

The film even goes beyond that, bringing up death tolls and their importance to the industry at a M.O.D.—that's the Merchants of Death—Squad meeting between Naylor, alcohol representative Paulie Bailey (Maria Bello), and gun advocate Bobby Jay (David Koechner) when someone from Herndon threatens to kill Naylor while he is a guest on Dennis Miller's show. Naylor didn't think that the other two had enough of a death toll in their industries to warrant any kind of worry; Bailey and Jay disagreed.

Interestingly, the morally reprehensible characters, especially Naylor, who is described as a "yuppie Mephistopheles," are never truly unlikeable.

"I like that they're honest about being dishonest," said junior Sarah D'Antonio. "They accept and embrace the role of the villain of public morality."

For a film that has the power of persuasion as one of its main focuses, "Thank You for Smoking" does an excellent job of making the argument to see it: It's funny, fast-paced, and the acting is excellent.

And don't worry, the desire to start a new smoking habit blows away by the time you reach the car.



Courtesy of www.imdb.com

Lead Character Nick Naylor shakes hands with "cancer boy" in "Thank You For Not Smoking."

Vermont, William H. Macy makes Senator Finistire's desire for a giant skull-and-crossbones design on cigarette packages seem completely ridiculous. His competition with Naylor allows the viewer the chance to see just how far the men will go to win.

## Band Shows Promise, Album A Let Down

By ZACH BOWMAN  
Entertainment Editor

The first time I heard People In Planes' music, they were the opening band for The Bravery in Norfolk. In my experience, opening bands share a few too many characteristics with over-done vegetables; they're either bland, revolting, or just down right hard to stomach and are merely something to be gotten through before you get to another part of the meal you actually want to eat. Much to my amazement however, People In Planes didn't remind me of mushy carrots. They were good. So good I, the epitome of a

starving college student, forked over five bucks for their EP and dined on the luscious steak that was their four-song disc for the next few months.

The five piece band's debut album, "As Far As The Eye Can See," released on March 28 on Wind-Up Records, slipped past my radar until a good friend arrived in my room with the disc. When I heard that the band's first real product only cost nine bucks, I was worried, and with good cause. The four songs that were on the EP, "For Miles Around," "If You Talk Too Much," "Moth" and "Falling By The Wayside" carry the album, leaving little else to be desired from the rest of the tracks.

The few exceptions to this rule are songs like "Light For The Deadvine," where Pete Roberts' driving guitar pushes lead singer Gareth Jones vocals back to the power and energy heard in "For Miles around." Others, like "Rush" are powered by drummer John Maloney's solid drum work and held together once again by Jones's unusually talented vocals.

Coherency is perhaps this group's greatest asset, combining seemingly distant and unrelated parts into a concoction that is more than digestible. Songs like "Token Trapped Woman" combine driving drums with slow, deliberate vocals to produce an amazingly chill, heel-tapping song that leaves the listener satisfied.

It is that coherency that is sacrificed on songs like "My Black Widow" where it sounds like Metal collided with hip hop lyrics to create a monstrosity more reminiscent of soggy peas than anything delectable.

After being dropped by record label EMI in the past, People In Planes' future more than likely depends largely on the success or failure of this album. While their debut disc under this name (they



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The members of People In Planes take a load off.

released an earlier album under the band name Tetra Splendour) is a modest effort, it will more than likely lack the momentum to carry them into even a sophomore album. This is a sad truth for a group of unusually talented musicians.

There may be hope in the form of a music video directed by actor Joaquin Phoenix for "If You Talk Too Much." I can only hope that a little publicity, and dare I say it, some MTV air play might save this band and its promise from the wasteland of one disc wonders.

Even with its few lack luster tracks, "As Far As The Eye Can See" still manages to provide listening well worth the \$9. The album allows for music that is amazingly far from anything heard on the radio today, while keeping the attention of even the most spastic music listener with its interesting rock/jazz riffs and soulful, driven vocals.

**People In Planes Debut Album  
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retailers.**



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## the Spotlight

By WILL COPPS  
Assistant Entertainment Editor

When a band's last album was widely regarded as a flop, and they haven't put a new one out in five years, why in the world do so many people still care?

Obviously partly because Built to Spill was one of the most influential indie rock bands of the 1990's, and one flop does not a bad band make. But the main reason there's buzz about the band's

newest album, "You In Reverse," is because it kicks ass. Built to Spill has come built to thrill in a fantastic return to form that sounds as fresh and intelligent as ever.

The songs on the new album traverse every emotion. The slower moments have the ability to entice your intellect or let you zone out to your own dream world. That is, before the songs start bursting with an energy that can only make you want to raise your fist in the air for the triumph of rock.

Every band member was involved in the songwriting process here, and it clearly shows. Every hit, strum, or ambient sound has its place in the song, and this helps to truly make the music a sum of its parts.

That isn't to say that the parts themselves

aren't spectacular. Doug Martsch's vocals are as hard hitting as ever. His delivery sounds real and heartfelt, with lyrics that make you want to skip back every couple minutes so that you can get a new quote for your AIM profile.

But the main draw is the guitars, the guitars. Not only are the parts extremely well written, the sound is just beautiful. The tone of the guitars on the recording is basically unmatched. You'll find yourself wanting to listen to a guitar part—any guitar part—long after you've stopped listening to the album. It's that beautiful.

While "You In Reverse" is by no means a major revolution, its unique sound and impeccable execution make it a must-listen for fans of the genre. Check out some samples on [www.myspace.com/builttospill](http://www.myspace.com/builttospill).



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# What Can We Do To Save The Environment?



"Free trees."

-William Chi,  
junior



"Get it?"

-Jay Jerdonek,  
senior



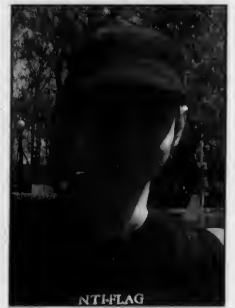
"Recycle, reduce,  
reuse, repeat."

-Craig Rossman,  
junior



"Give a hoot.  
Don't pollute."

-Ben Beavers,  
senior



"The invisible  
hand of the market  
will fix it."

-Scott Berry,  
junior

## Bullet Hits

*A Bulleteer's Top Five Picks*

### This Week:

### Things You Probably Can't Fit In Your Mouth

By DYLAN TUCCILLO  
Staff Writer

Though many of these things should be common sense, I offer this cautionary advice anyway. Whether it be a less-than-sober bet or just plain old misguided curiosity, we all have tried sometime. So read on and please don't attempt to prove me wrong.

#### 5: Stapler

I'm sure you're thinking "Why would I want to try?" But if you really want to keep an eye, or an incisor, on your red Swingline at all times, this might not seem like a bad idea. Fortunately for stapler thieves everywhere, it's most likely not possible. First of all, the sheer discomfort of the



clamping metal squeezing and stapling your lips will cause even the brave-hearted to back out. If that doesn't get you, the inner spring mechanisms may just pop out of their places and release their dastardly latent energy.

#### 4: An American Flag

Though they come in all shapes and sizes, merely entertaining the thought of trying this unpatriotic feat may get you thrown into an unmarked van. That said, "These Colors Don't Run" sounds strikingly similar to "Melts in your mouth, not in your hands."

#### 3: A Bicycle

All right, I'm sure a bicycle won't cram in your food-hole, but with all these thefts lately, maybe you're esophagus is the best place for it. Plus it would be cool if it were like the cartoons, and every time you tried to speak you made that horn squeaking noise instead? Oh Donald, you crazy mallard, won't you ever learn?



#### 2: Your iPod

If you have some sadistic obsession with eating 300 bucks (pun intended) make sure your drunk friends are betting at least 400 that you won't try this one. If that's the case, I'm only pretty sure that you can't fit an Apple iPod all the way into your mouth. If it does work, I'd bet that it'd get jammed up between the bicusps and premolars. You better cross your fingers and hope Styx's "Come Sail Away" isn't broadcasted on repeat 24/7 until your next dentist appointment.

#### 1: Box of Crayola Crayons

If you think back to your single digits you'll recall wispy desires to see just how one of those attractively colored crayons tasted. Maybe you even tried to swallow the whole box. I'm going to predict that it probably won't work, but if it did just think of those awkwardly named colors that would start mixing around with your breakfast: "Aquamarine," "Antique Brass," "Atomic Tangerine," and those are just the A's. Mmmm. Maybe you should just keep your childhood fantasies under lock and key.

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# News

## Colleges Face Mental Health

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Web site addressing issues in higher education, 50.6 percent of counseling centers reported an increase in the demand for crisis counseling in 2005, compared to 44.8 percent in 2004.

On college campuses it is not hard to find students experiencing large amounts of stress. Wagar said that the majority of students who come into the psychological services center report some type of depressed mood, with an even greater percentage of students coming in and reporting problems with stress or anxiety.

She said that the number of students experiencing depression and anxiety relating to stress at Mary Washington is slightly higher than the national average.

"There are numerous causes of this stress, with academics for sure being one of them," Wagar said. "Ninety percent of students who come in will say that the issues that bring them in are causing their academics to decline."

Junior Ann Wisloski said that a friend of hers recently made an appointment at psychological services as a result of being overly stressed.

"Her school work was becoming too much for her and she wasn't dealing well with not being able to get everything done, so she went to psych. services the other day to try to get some help before things could get out of control," Wisloski said.

An issue becoming more prevalent recently is whether the psychological service centers on college campuses are doing enough to deal with the increasing numbers of students with severe psychological problems, particularly students who are experiencing thoughts of suicide.

Multiple students across the nation have been suspended from their schools recently after seeking treatment for psychological problems such as severe depression, and having suicidal thoughts.

According to an article in the GW Hatchet, on Oct. 27, 2004, Jordan Nott, who was then a George Washington University sophomore, was depressed and thinking about a friend who had recently committed suicide, so he went to George Washington hospital for psychiatric help.

Later that day he received a letter stating that he would not be allowed back in his residence hall as a result of GW's residential hall psychological distress policy.

One day later, Nott received another letter stating that he was being charged with a violation of GW's code of conduct's endangering behavior policy; and was suspended from his classes and barred from campus. Nott is currently filing suit against George Washington University.

According to Inside Higher Ed, similar events have occurred at New York University and Bluffton University in Ohio.

An article in Inside Higher Ed reported that several students in situations similar to Nott's situation filed complaints with the department of education's office for civil rights, and in four recent cases the office for civil rights has sided with these students.

Cedric Rucker, dean of student life at Mary Washington, said that students at UMW are never expelled from school as a

result of seeking psychological treatment.

"You cannot take away a student's right to an education," he said.

According to the UMW student handbook, if a student engages or threatens to engage in a behavior where they are posing a danger or causing physical harm to themselves or others, and the behavior is believed to be caused by a psychological or an emotional problem, the mental health policy will be invoked.

This requires the student to meet with Rucker to review the incident, and the possibility of being referred to a mandatory psychological or psychiatric evaluation.

Rucker said that if a student cannot stay within the behavioral guidelines of the school they may be removed from the residence halls.

The student handbook states that there is also the possibility of involuntary administrative removal from the university, but Rucker said that he has never seen this happen in his time working at the school.

Wagar, director of psychological services at UMW, said that the ideal situation when dealing with a student with a psychological illness, is to keep them enrolled in classes and make as few changes for them as possible.

Not all universities are having problems with the administration and psychological services centers doing too much in crisis situations.

According to the 2005 national survey of counseling center directors, less than 50 percent of the directors report that schools provide adequate public education about suicide, programs and materials for parents, and student support networks.

Wagar said that it is difficult to determine the appropriate role for universities to take regarding mental health.

"You don't want to violate confidentiality and force people into treatment, and on the other hand people in psychological stress may not realize they are experiencing serious symptoms and may not recognize the seriousness of the situation," Wagar said.

She said that the psychological services center

“Everyone on campus owns their own health. Yes, we want to treat and intervene, but it is better to try to prevent the onset of the problems.”

—Barbara Wagar

at UMW tries to deal with these difficult situations on a case-by-case basis, providing as much support and privacy to the student as possible.

Wagar said that the psych services center does a number of things to deal with the increasing numbers of students with severe psychological problems on campus.

Crisis intervention training is done with the resident assistants and the health center staff.

Free anonymous online screening is available as well as numerous brochures and handbooks describing the center's policies. There are also resources given to incoming freshmen, and stress management techniques are taught to students as part of study skills workshops.

Wagar said that the psychological services center is most interested in prevention and early intervention.

"Everyone on campus owns their own health," she said. "Yes, we want to treat and intervene, but it is better to try to prevent the onset of the problems."

## UMW Short On Housing, Again

*Freshmen Left Without Rooms*

◀ HOUSING, page 1

lottery number, explained her experience at the registration itself. Randolph noted how she waited with her preferred roommate "...for four hours. The two of us could have just showed up at ten that night to sign the priority housing forms."

Laura Veckerelli, another freshman, and also Tully's prospective roommate, had a similar experience.

"The stress of housing is bad enough, let alone the stress and anxiety you feel when you don't even have a definite place to live. What was worse was the four hour wait to find out that I wouldn't be housed with my preferred roommate [and] that I wouldn't be housed at all just yet."

The lottery system works as follows: Upper-class students are randomly assigned lottery numbers based on class-standing, i.e. senior, junior, sophomore and freshman. This year lottery numbers ranged from 1 to 1,626, lower numbers getting choice over higher numbers. This year's rising sophomore and current freshmen class consisted of lottery numbers 814 and higher. Roommates could opt to use the best lottery number between them. Those interested in suiting, or having one double room next to another double room, could use the best lottery number between four people.

The core of the problem then, was that "demand outpaced supply," as noted in the fall 2006 Priority Housing handout. The lack of

housing has been affected by the transformation of Mercer as a residence hall to administrative offices that will occur during the Lee Hall renovation. Mercer, a freshmen residence hall that holds a leadership program, will move its residents into the upperclassmen dorm Custis Hall, which used to hold 41 upperclass residents.

The primary reason Residence Life is able to guarantee on-campus housing to students by next fall is that a number of students will not return.

"We lose approximately 100 to 120 students," Porter said. Reasons include students who leave to study abroad, transfers, suspensions and student withdrawal from the university.

As an alternative to the priority list, students were advised to apply to become a Resident Assistant (RA). There are still several housing spaces unfilled that are reserved for RAs and their roommates. According to Porter, there are currently 29 RA spaces. Add a roommate for each RA and there are 58 unfilled spaces that are still available.

Tully was one of the students who decided to take advantage of becoming an RA. She explained how during registration "...a lot of the students that were helping really encouraged me to apply to be an RA, saying it would be a nice option if I still really wanted to room with Laura. Since I had already thought of becoming an RA, this seemed like my best bet for finding good housing with the roommate of my choice."

Randolph, however, explained how she did not want to become an RA even if it would solve the housing dilemma.

"I have no desire to be an RA...Besides, to be an RA, and everyone wants a good RA, you must really want to do it. I don't want to be on call or deal with petty issues."

“The stress of housing is bad enough, let alone the stress and anxiety you feel when you don't even have a definite place to live.”

—Laura Veckerelli

RA applications are still being reviewed. "We're in the midst of selection now. Those won't be resolved until early May," Porter said.

For those students still on the priority list, they must wait until space is available and will be notified as soon as rooms open. This could occur anytime between now and some time over the summer. Once students are given their housing assignment, they have some options in terms of their roommates. If students end up assigned with random roommate(s), they may switch so that they can live with their preferred roommate(s).

Currently the total number of students on the priority list has dropped from 101 to 97. There are also 13 assorted spaces still open. "These spaces consist of 'singles that people weren't interested in or individual apartment spaces (in doubles) that we've been unable to fill,'" Porter said. "Others were for Language Coordinators [LCs]. Until we know the gender of the LCs we can't do anything with the spaces we have on hold to accommodate them."

Time remains the biggest factor in determining who will get off of the priority list and be given a housing assignment. "It's just so irritating to have everything up in the air," Veckerelli said.

## Cheap Seats To Return To Dodd

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from Dodd," she said. "But Combs really limits the number of people we can seat."

Castanien said even the basement of Monroe Hall is too small to accommodate a large crowd.

"At our most popular show, 'Rent,' people were having to sit in the aisles," she said.

Cheap Seats regular Kadic Greene has never had trouble finding a seat in Monroe, but she isn't always comfortable in the seat she finds.

"I definitely like the auditorium better," Greene said. "It's more comfortable, and has better sound quality. It's more like going to a real movie theatre."

Amenities aside, moving out of Dodd has not hurt Cheap Seats, according to club treasurer Josephine Chan, who credits increased movie showings with boosting club revenue.

"We made around \$6,000 last year and we made over \$5,000 this year," Chan said. "It's perfect, actually. There were concerns in the beginning, but it turned out fine. If we kept with the previous schedule, then, yes, we would be losing money, but the extra movies we show helps balance that potential loss."

According to Castanien, Cheap Seats chose to step up movie showings last year. In previous years they showed movies eight weekends per semester, but this year they have shown nine.

Castanien said that Cheap Seats will be in Dodd for seven of the nine weekends they'll be showing movies this fall, but not every night.

Chan said this is only fair.

"We didn't expect to have Dodd available to us every weekend, that wouldn't be fair to other clubs."

It was fine when we used to show movies every other weekend because then other events could take the weekends we didn't have Dodd, but because we show movies every weekend now, some movies will be in Dodd and some in Monroe," Chan said.

To help Cheap Seats' patrons keep track of where movies will be played this fall, Castanien said she is thinking of advertising show times in *The Bulletin*, in addition to passing out flyers and updating the student film Web site.

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# Viewpoints

## Peace For Passover

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are then sold into slavery. As slaves, they are consistently abused and threatened with death or dismemberment should they try to escape.

Those who escape the attacks face starvation. In their assaults, the militias destroy local granaries and attack humanitarian aid agencies working in the area.

In 1998, the People's Defense Forces stepped up their efforts, producing an artificial famine, which according to the U.S. Agency for International Development, killed as many as 200,000 men, women, and children.

In addition, many boys taken into slavery are put into special schools to be indoctrinated into the regime's radical ideology. They are then recruited into the militias, to wage war on their brethren.

A June 2004 truce between the regime and South Sudanese rebel groups has created some hope that the South might be given peace and self-determination.

Yet this truce remains fragile and the discovery of oil in the South makes it unlikely that the Bashir regime will abide by it. They have announced that oil revenues will be used to buy modern weapons to prosecute its newest genocidal campaign in Darfur.

Sudanese slavery is perhaps the most pernicious form of

bondage today as it is tied to a deliberate campaign of genocide and ethnic cleansing.

Yet slavery extends well beyond Sudan's borders. As we remember this week the liberation of the ancient Israelites, let us not forget those who remain enslaved today.

The American Anti-Slavery Group estimates that 27 million men, women and children are in bondage. These include not only those enslaved in Sudan, but also political prisoners in China, debt-slaves in Southeast Asia, traditional chattel slavery in Mauritania, and many more.

We encourage students to join the international effort to end the world's oldest forms of repression and dehumanization.

Numerous human rights groups, including the American Anti-Slavery Group, are working to promote a new wave of abolition, so that this evil might forever be wiped from the Earth.

In addition, numerous grassroots efforts have developed to isolate the Sudanese regime and increase public awareness of its atrocities.

Providence, R.I. recently divested from companies doing business in Sudan. The JSA encourages students to promote Sudan Divestment in their communities so that they might follow Providence's good example.

Avi Efreom is a senior and Joe Katz is a junior.

## Sexclamations

### Victoria's "Secret" No More

By Betsy Crumb and Elz England, wanton sex goddesses

Guys: Your palms are sweating, everyone's staring at you, you think, "Man, I don't belong here." No, you're not giving an in-class presentation. You're in Victoria's Secret.

You may be the founder of the Tyra Banks fan club, but you know very little about what she's wearing on those steamy posters you collect. What's more, you wouldn't even be talented at removing those skimpy articles—if you even had a shot in hell with Tyra Banks.

In light of the warm weather, which leads to a scantily clad campus, Betsy and Elz wish to address the topic of lingerie. This may be more female-centric, but that's because as one of our male friends noted, "How many men look good in a leopard print thong?"

The question of whether to wear that uncomfortable itchy bra for hook-up situations is one that many women have faced. Is lingerie even worth it?

On a college student's (non-existent) budget, what girl can afford \$30 panties that will just be thrown to the floor in the throes of passion?

You could remedy the situation by pausing the hook-up and demanding he appreciate the effort you put into choosing your undergarments for the evening (not that either of us has ever done such a thing...).

We say: Don't wear the uncomfortably itchy bra, do wear that cute Target one that makes you feel like a sex-goddess. But, since there's a very small population of women out there who want to hook up with Betsy and Elz (OK, maybe no one), we polled the male and lesbian audience for their take on lingerie. Here's what we found.

Is lingerie worth it?

Male 1: "Worthless when it's kind of spur of the moment.

When it's just gonna happen, who wants to take the time for lingerie?"

Male 2: "It's only appropriate on special occasions. But, I mean it's such a luxury, it's not needed."

Male 3: "It's like cooking: what separates good from great is the presentation."

Male 4: "It's superfluous because what matters is what is in the lingerie."

Male 5 (no, we did not make this guy up—this is not just one of Betsy's feminist rants): "It perpetuates the notion that women are objects for men's pleasure... I also think that the use of lingerie perpetuates the notion that women need external objects (makeup, clothes, special underwear) in order to be sexy, whereas there is no corresponding standard for men."

Female 1: "Yes. Sometimes it's sexier when you're almost naked."

Female 2: "It's all about your own personality; wear what you're comfortable in."

Every victim of our interrogation said that they would gladly go to Victoria's Secret with their significant other or even a platonic friend to give advice and personal preferences. All but one respondent said they are fans of the woman wearing whatever she feels sexy in—especially cute undies.

However, the one objection came from Male 5, who said: "Well, the reason she feels sexy in it is because our society, which is controlled by men, tells her that wearing lingerie is sexy. It's not something natural about the "essence" of woman or the "essence" of lacy underwear."

Subliminal philosophical theories aside, we suggest you wear what you want, but make sure you're doing it for yourself.

But, as the spectrum of responses shows, there is not a consensus on the lingerie question. So, once again, we advise communication. Ask your significant other and perhaps you shall receive.

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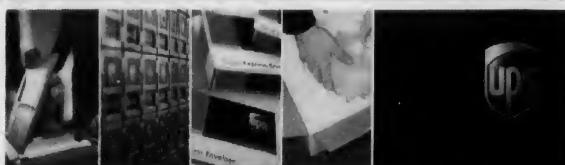
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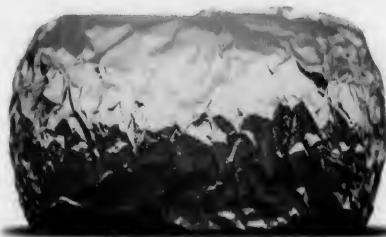
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# UMW Women Crush Quakers

## Eagles Boast 10-3 Record On Season

By KENDALL HARING  
Staff Writer

Sitting in the stands during Sunday's lacrosse game, one parent joked he had told Guilford he would give them food if they lost to the Eagles. Little did he know how much he would owe them.

The Eagles were coming off of a 14-2 win against Greensboro College when they continued to dominate, crushing Guilford 20-4.

Head coach Dana Hall was pleased with her team's performance.

"We're playing well as a team and connecting," she said.

The Eagles connected on all ends, their superior stick work, connections, and overall communication evident from the very beginning.

Within the first five minutes, the ball was played almost entirely on the Eagles' offensive end.

After the first ten minutes, the Eagles had scored six of the 13 goals they would go on to score in the first half.

It was too little, too late for Guilford, who didn't find the net until there were 16 minutes remaining in the first half.

Key players for the game included sophomore attacker Caitlin Erickson and junior attacker Kaitlyn Barker, who both scored four goals apiece to help UMW secure a win.

Senior Callie Talbot pointed to UMW's quick thinking as part of their offensive success.

"When a problem arises we immediately work to solve it and move forward," she said.

The Eagles' defense was also instrumental in their win. UMW kept the ball away from the backfield with aggressive play in the midfield.

Sophomore midfielder Margaret Murray was

especially persistent and created a lot of turnovers for the Eagles.

Sophomore midfielder Sarah Finney was also key in the midfield, coming up with the ball off the draws. The Eagles came up with the ball 13 times in the first half alone.

Though Guilford set the pace as a fast one with their own attackers, Johanna Breed and Jordan Clodfelter, consistently running the ball down to the Guilford's offensive end.

The Eagles' defense was strong in their zone defense as sophomore goalie Meredith Detrick managed to keep Guilford from scoring for most of the half.

The second half of Sunday's game was characterized by ball control. UMW created several important plays illustrating the depth of their skill.

Some goals were scored off of quick passes from behind the goal, other from simply moving the ball around and cuts into the sixteen.

Hall rotated players in and out rather freely, demonstrating their depth on the roster as well.

Talbot credits UMW's success to this depth.

"The reasons for our success this year are our unselfish collaboration and persistence to hold one another accountable," she said.

Sophomore defender Liz Conway agreed.

"We really see each other and trust our teammates with the ball," she said.

Communication was key throughout the game, which led to strong passing including a midfield stack in the second half to clear the ball from the goal.

Conway is pleased not only with Sunday's game but with the overall season.

"Our team as a whole has pulled together so well compared to last year," she said. "There is no specific thing that I can point out that has changed but our chemistry is amazing."



Stephen Lupsha/Bullet

Junior Kaitlyn Barker struggles with a Guilford opponent for possession of the ball. The Eagles dominated Guilford Sunday, destroying the Quakers 20-4.

The Eagles, who are now 10-3 and ranked 16th, will travel this Saturday to play CAC rival St. Mary's College of Maryland, who are 10-2 and ranked 11th.

Hall emphasized her team's cohesiveness and is confident going into Saturday's game.

"The important thing is they're playing well as a team," she said.

# Eagles Gear Up For CAC Title

By STEPHANIE POTTER  
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington track and field team may not boast the biggest names in collegiate competition, but last weekend they proved they can hang with the best of them.

UMW competed at the Duke University Invitational, securing several big wins.

The Eagles women secured several spots in upper echelons of the competition, contending with many Division I, II and III schools.

According to sophomore Ann Tripp, the invitational was a great challenge.

"The weather could have been better over the two days, but it was a good experience for everyone," she said. "It was a big meet with great competition and a lot of people benefited from it."

The men benefited as well, performing equally well and securing five outstanding wins among others.

Head coach Stan Soper was impressed with the team's performance.

"Traveling to the Duke Invitational is always a good experience for our teams," he said. "It is an excellent meet, giving us a chance to compete

against a variety of outstanding teams, and a chance to see some great athletes. We had a pretty good weekend overall, as many individuals had their best performance of the season to this point."

Top winners for the men's team included James Eberhardt, who secured fourth place overall in the discus (159'7"), freshman Justin German and sophomore Sean O'Neill in the 800 meters (1:58), senior Todd Kronenberg in the 5000 meters (16:13), and freshman Cameron Rice in the 400 meters (51.33).

Soper was proud of the men's placing performances.

"James Eberhardt had our highest placing in the meet," he said. "Both the sprint and middle distance groups had strong showings, as did several of the distance runners."

According to German, there were strong individual performances but the meet was important for other reasons.

"I think in general people were more or less happy with their performances, but I think the real reason we go to Duke is to experience a big time college meet and I was definitely impressed with the caliber of the competition in every event and I think most other people on the team were too," he said.

Top women's performers included sophomores Cristy Falcone in the steeplechase (11:41), and Allison Hazlett in the 5K (18:56), freshman Melanie Walter in the 400 meters (61.69), and Tripp in the 800 meters (2:25). Freshman Christine Wuebker won the both the 100 (13.23) and 200 meters, achieving her season best with a time of 26.92.

Soper is confident heading into the post season.

"I feel like we are progressing well in preparation for next weekend's CAC championship," he said. "It should be a good one. No school records were broken [this weekend], but hopefully we are saving them for conferences."

The Eagles will face off against Eastern Mennonite University this weekend at the EMU Invitational before heading into the CAC tournament.

According to Tripp, UMW is capable of winning it all.

"We definitely have a great shot at keeping the title this year," she said. "We have a very well-rounded team and have the potential to beat Salisbury."

"Hopefully the next few weeks of training will get everyone ready for some great races."

German agreed.

"As a team our expectation is to win the [championship]," he said. "I'm sure we're capable of doing that if we perform our best."

**“ I feel like we are progressing well in preparation for the next weekend's CAC championship. ”**

— Stan Soper



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# Sports



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Senior Adam Castellani pushes past Colorado in an attempt to move the ball down field Sunday. UMW came out strong after an 8-7 OT loss the day before to Greensboro College, leading Colorado early on before falling 8-5. The Eagles are now 3-8 overall and will look for a win when they play Marymount University Saturday.

## Men's Lax Declawed

### Eagles Fall To Colorado Tigers For Third Straight Loss

By NICK NELSON  
Staff Writer

It was a hard-fought match, but in the end the Eagles fell short in Sunday's home match-up against the Colorado College Tigers. The game featured plenty of shots and hard defense on both sides of the ball with the Tigers, taking down the Eagles by a score of 8-5.

The Eagles came out with a vengeance in the first quarter, scoring the first three goals of the game thanks to two from senior Greg Rose and another by senior Dave Morris.

By the time the first quarter closed, the Eagles were on their way to a victory, with a 4-1 lead over the Tigers.

Freshman Sean Brown was pleased with his team's play early on.

"We came out really strong in the first quarter," he said. "That's something we've been struggling with all season."

However, UMW's momentum slowed down as the Tiger defense tightened and the offense exploded.

UMW only scored one more goal from junior Matt Morrell as Colorado put together a solid offense to score seven more goals.

Sophomore Eric Everitt was disappointed with UMW's finish.

"We need to take better shots on offense and keep the unforced turnovers to a minimum," he said. "I think our man-down defense could improve."

The shot count narrowly favored the Eagles by a margin of 25-24, but they could not connect with the net.

Everitt lagged slightly behind the Tigers in goal with 14 saves to Colorado's 18.

Despite the loss, head coach Kurt Glaeser remained positive.

"We started strong and played solid defense," he said. "We've been keeping our opponents under ten goals on a regular basis, which is really great for lacrosse."

Glaeser wasn't entirely satisfied though.

"We need to be patient on offense in order to get good looks and not rush things."

The Eagles, who are now 3-8 overall and 1-4 in CAC play, will close the regular season on Saturday in a CAC match-up at Marymount University at 1 p.m.

UMW is looking to end their three game losing streak, which included a heartbreaking loss Saturday to Greensboro College in OT, 8-7.

The Eagles had rallied after falling behind 6-0 early on, scoring five consecutive goals.

After a goal from Rose, sophomore Scott Fletcher scored with less than two minutes remaining in the second half to keep UMW's hopes alive and send the competition into overtime.

However, UMW's comeback was not enough to secure the win as Greensboro outshot the Eagles 29-20.

According to Everitt, consistency will be the key factor against Marymount to earn a win.

"We need to come out with authority and bury Marymount from the start and play [strong] all 60 minutes," he said.

Brown agreed.

"We need to work on bringing in big plays when we need them and making sure everyone plays with intensity for all four quarters."

**"** We've been keeping our opponents under 10 goals on a regular basis, which is really great for lacrosse.



— Kurt Glaeser

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"In terms of what needed to be worked on, we were having trouble catching the ball, and we tried, getting the [opposing] defense to redirect, but we just lost our composure," he said.

Senior Adam Castellani agreed.

"We need to be able to handle pressure," he

## Rugby Heads To Fla.

By HEATHER MCKENZIE  
Special To The Bulletin

The weekend of April 1 and 2 the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Championship took place in Richmond. Only four teams from across the region qualified to compete there. These teams included University of Maryland, St. Mary's, Kutztown, and Mary Washington's own women's rugby team. The regional qualifier marked the first step in the national tournament, sending the top two teams to the national tournament.

On Saturday, April 1 UMW faced St. Mary's College of Maryland. The Seahawks proved to be formidable foes at the start of the game. Both teams were scoreless as halftime neared.

However, after a quick series of offensive attacks, UMW ended the half with a five point lead after a try by junior Meghan Hoyt. The Eagles did not let up for the rest of the game.

Senior Paula Gianotti followed Hoyt, scoring two more tries for a total of ten points. Senior rookie Amy Kingsbury added five more points as sophomore Laura Rehbehn kicked one conversion adding her own two points.

UMW held on to their lead and shut out their opponents with a final score of 22-0. The win secured them a spot in the regional playoffs, and a seed in the national tournament in Florida.

The regional championship took place the next day. UMW faced a strong University of Maryland team. With every try that the Eagles scored, Maryland answered back.

Senior Renee Liers scored the first try of the game, giving UMW a 5-0 lead. Rehbehn again kicked the conversion, for a 7-0 lead.

Maryland answered back with a try and a conversion of their own. The first half ended with the game all tied up at seven.

As the second half started Maryland came out strong, scoring another try and conversion. The Terps took the lead for the first time at 14-7. The game was hard fought, with both teams coming close to scoring several times.

With time quickly running out, another offensive attack allowed junior Erin Hogan to score her first try of the season. The score now lay at 14-12, Maryland in the lead. Rehbehn then converted a try to tie the game 14-14 and keep the Eagles alive.

Regulation time expired, forcing an overtime of two 10-minute periods. In overtime Maryland would score once more, as would UMW junior Katie Wilsor. The game remained at 19-19 until late in the second half when Rehbehn took a penalty kick to give UMW the lead by three points. The Eagles held on to win 22-19, making UMW the Regional Champions.

The team will travel to Sanford, Fla. to face Northeastern University in the first round of the USA Rugby Round of eight. A win both days will take the team to Stanford, California for the National Championship. All expenses are being paid through team fundraising and by individual team members.

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### Upcoming Events

Apr. 13 - Baseball vs. Virginia Wesleyan, 3 p.m.

Apr. 15 - Baseball vs. Catholic, 1 p.m.

Apr. 17 - Men's tennis, CAC Championships, TBA

Apr. 18 - Baseball, CAC Tournament 1st Round, TBA  
Men's lacrosse, CAC Tournament 1st Round, TBA  
Women's lacrosse vs. Virginia Wesleyan, 4 p.m.  
Softball vs. Shenandoah, 2:30 p.m.

### Athlete of the Week

The men's varsity eight rowing team placed first in their final over Franklin-Pierce and the College of New Jersey at the Knecht Cup in New Jersey this weekend with a time of 7:01.5. The women's second varsity eight beat Rochester, Bryn Mawr, and Susquehanna with a time of 8:08.3.